MINUTES for June 23, 2025
BOARD of CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE
Chair Myra Carlisle Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (the Board), to order at 9:00 AM on Monday, June 23, 2025, in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Commissioner, Cory Moates, opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Jack Garner, Cory Moates, Myra Frazier, County Clerk employee Logan Cloyd, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, Galena Sentinel Times Editor Machelle Smith, and Columbus News-Report owner Larry Hiatt were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Commissioner Moates moved to approve the minutes as presented from June 16, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL
Commissioner Moates moved to approve the payroll as presented. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES
Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the payables as presented. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ROAD AND BRIDGE
Road and Bridge Superintendent Cody Zook provided an update on current projects, with the primary focus on mowing, asphalt, and guardrail maintenance.

COURT SERVICES
Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve a Mold Test for $388 to be performed by Nook-n-Kranny Home Inspections. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER
Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve designees on Labette Bank Certificate of Deposit. Commissioner Moates seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Frazier motioned to approve designees on Exchange State Bank Certificate of Deposit. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS
Kristy LaTurner brought concerns regarding a residence; 711 E 4th Street, Galena, Kansas; to the board. Kristy stated the house is being appraised incorrectly as an 800sqft home. She states the home is 2 levels and 4000sqft. The Board stated they would investigate the matter.

John Brookins, a resident of rural Cherokee County, Kansas, brought concerns about trash and sewage at 1414 Fir Road, Baxter Springs, Kansas. Brookins stated enough run down vehicles, mowers, and appliances were on the property it appeared to be a salvage yard. The Board stated they would have Emergency Management look into the reported issues.

BUKATY
A Representative with Bukaty Companies provided Insurance review and renewal information. Commissioner Moates motioned to approve the renewal of Amwins Stop Loss coverage. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VSP Renewal was discussed with 2 options available. No motion was made.

Discussed Short Term Disability renewal with Sunlife. No motion was made.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Discussed the next steps needed for the Health Department building repairs and/or building replacement. Health Department Administrator is to obtain design and size ideas.

EXTENSION COUNCIL
The board reviewed the proposed 2026 budget with Extension Council employee K. Ludwig.

FAIR
The board reviewed the proposed 2026 budget with Fair board members.

EMS
The board reviewed the proposed 2026 budget with Emergency Medical Services Director T. Clugston.

COUNTY CLERK
The board reviewed the proposed 2026 budget with Cherokee County Clerk T. Brown.

ROAD AND BRIDGE
The board reviewed the proposed 2026 budget with Road and Bridge Superintendent C. Zook.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
The board discussed concerns brought to them from John Brookins with Emergency Management Coordinator Matt Haviland.

ADJOURNMENT
At 1:01 PM, Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 30 day of June 2025.

Commissioner Chairwoman – Myra Carlisle Frazier

Commissioner – Jack Garner

Commissioner – Cory Moates

County Clerk – Taylor Brown